

'Grandma' Turns Detective; Ends Local Mystery

Keystone Woman Solves Alleged "Theft" of Car Top

KEYSTONE.—Perhaps you have had the misfortune of having your car stolen, your gas tank drained, or have been relieved of your spare tire. But have you met the young man who took his grandmother to the Torrance theatre the other evening and found to his consternation and indignation that his car-top had disappeared? There is nothing unusual about a young man taking his grandmother to the theatre with him but it is unusual for him or any other young man to step out of the theatre to find what awaited Frank Russell in Figueroa street, and Grandma Wharton both of Keystone.

Now, Frank had long since given up the idea of becoming a Sherlock Holmes and felt that this was surely a case for the Torrance police department. Leaving his grandmother in the car so that no other accessories would disappear, Frank proceeded to round up the vice squad.

But who were the two young men across the street talking about the incident? Grandma Wharton heard one say, "Well, I saw them when they took it." This began to arouse her curiosity. The officer who came back to the scene of the incident with Frank was sure that the young man walking down the street did not know anything about this car-top in question. Didn't he question the young man and, knowing him personally, he just knew they didn't know anything about it.

Grandma is Judge. Of course, we all know how the ladies like to have the last word. If you should ask Grandma Wharton today, she would say that she was positive that he did know something about the matter and that you couldn't stop her from thinking! After the officer who had been detailed to the case had questioned them at length, Frank and his companion proceeded toward home. The top was still missing and they both were baffled as well as the police. But not for long, for what should greet them as they drove into the driveway but the long sought Ford top.

No, you have not guessed it right at all. They did not go to the theatre without the top. It was on the car a few hours previous; in fact it was there when they stepped into the theatre. Well, how did it get home?

Here's how: Frank has two very good friends who live in Torrance. These boys would not think of mistreating Frank in any way for they ride to work in Los Angeles each morning with him and it would be folly for them to do such a thing. But they really did do it. Did Frank take them to work next morning? After weighing the matter for some time, and then getting a good sound rest, he reconsidered his decision of the night before and made his usual stop in Torrance the next morning.

But the writer does know that these two boys who played this "joke" on their good friend, have made several trips to the Russell house on Figueroa street since and feel that they have squared themselves particularly with Grandma Wharton.

ANCHOR HITCHING POST
BEAUFORT, N. C. (UP)—S. O. Huffman proved he had assimilated much of the spirit of this sea coast town when he devised an anchor of three bricks, fastened together with wire, to replace the old "hitchin' post," now a thing of the past.



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KEYSTONE NOTES

Mrs. Charles M. Forrest and two children, Charles, Jr., and Carol, of Amelia street, spent the week-end at Pasadena at guests of Mrs. Forrest's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson. While there, Mrs. Forrest attended the annual picnic and reunion of her former Sunday school class of the Methodist church at Alhambra.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce of Carlsbad, arrived last week for Portland, Ore., where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harshman of Figueroa street motored to Ventura Sunday where they visited Mrs. Harshman's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McNary.

The Crochet club held a delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. H. H. Barnard in Long Beach Thursday. A luncheon was served at noon by the hostess followed by an afternoon of sewing. Guests and members who were able to be present were: Mrs. Pernia Piper, Mrs. S. S. Tannehill, Mrs. George Naimens and Mrs. Harry C. Lougheed of Keystone; Mrs. Louis Bordeaux and Mrs. J. Anderson of Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. George Naimens and family of Carson street were visitors at the home of Mr. Naimens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Naimens and other friends at Long Beach Sunday.

Mrs. H. H. Barnard, president of the Carson street Parent-Teachers Association has announced that the first meeting of the local association will meet at the school Tuesday, September 16 at 2 o'clock. All members and officers are urged to attend the first meeting of the year. A short business meeting will precede the program. A speaker from the Community Chest will be present to outline their work.

Mrs. George H. Koehler of Wilmington street was hostess Monday at a luncheon at her home here. Covers were laid for Mrs. Thomas A. Cowan, Mrs. John Glenn, Mrs. Charles H. Pierce and son, Jay, and Mr. and Mrs. Koehler all of Keystone.

Ernest Martin of Amelia street left last week for Texas where he will be for two months in the interest of the Texaco Company.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koehler of Wilmington street motored to Los Angeles Sunday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. V. Kaplanian.

Mrs. H. H. Barnard, president of the Carson street Parent-Teachers Association, attended the regular meeting of the Tenth district, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, which was held Thursday at Patriot's hall, Los Angeles.

Mrs. S. S. Tannehill and Mrs. Pernia Piper of Keystone were dinner guests Thursday evening of Mrs. Louis Bordeaux in Long Beach; later in the evening motored to Midway City where they

were evening guests of Mrs. Sam Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brazee of Main street were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koehler on Wilmington street Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson of Arroyo street were guests at a dinner party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen on Cypress street, Long Beach. Other guests included Mrs. George Anderson of Long Beach and Mrs. H. Anderson of Wilmington.

EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper

Contractors were paving a long stretch of Redondo boulevard with eight-inch reinforced concrete.

A Retail Merchants' Association was to be formed in this city to "keep Torrance money in Torrance and to educate the people that the apparent savings made by trading in the larger cities is a fallacy."

An unusual event was being added to the attractions of the American Legion's weekly boxing and wrestling matches. A professional "baiter" or wise-cracking comedian was in attendance to yell amusing remarks at the contestants, officials and crowd.

The county was doing an excellent job of grading and oiling on Carson street, south of the boulevard in Keystone and it was reported that the county would get no rest until it extended improvements on this important thoroughfare east to Alameda boulevard.

"We see in the paper where a Vermont man ran a pailing through his side while climbing over his neighbor's backyard fence," reported the editor of the Herald eight years ago, and then he added this pertinent comment: "He'd probably been over to borrow last week's paper!"

Water District Survey Work Is Completed Now

Chief Engineer Reports on Possible Routes for Great Aqueduct

With the prospects of having all engineering material available within the next two months for the final selection of the route to be followed by the Metropolitan Aqueduct from the Colorado River, Chief Engineer Frank E. Weymouth of the Metropolitan District filed last week with the District board of directors a report announcing the practical completion of all field survey work on the four or five various routes being investigated.

It is expected that the actual selection of the route for the world's greatest domestic water project will be completed sometime this autumn, in view of the progress being made by the District's engineers. Ample reservoir storage space physically is available for the water to be brought to Southern California cities by the Metropolitan Aqueduct, Chief Engineer Weymouth stated this week following a careful checking of the great mass of data collected by his field forces.

During the past several months, Weymouth's engineers have been pushing forward an intensive study of possible reservoir sites along the several routes under investigation. Weymouth stated that he was prepared to report to the District Board that these reservoir studies practically have been completed. It was indicated by Weymouth that two of the most intricate survey tasks of the District have just been brought to completion. The first is the practical completion of field studies on the four or five general routes for the Metropolitan Aqueduct. The second engineering task is the investigation of possible reservoir sites for the storage of Colorado River water near the cities in the Metropolitan Water District.

PURCHASE HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bates, new arrivals here, have purchased property at 222 Genesee avenue which formerly belonged to E. S. Herring, according to W. A. Teagarden, of the Torrance Development Company, who handled the transaction. Mrs. Bates is the mother of George Sutton, of this city.

Two Great Banking Institutions Join To Make Larger Set-up

Two great California banking institutions, one of them rooted in pioneer soil and the other born and reared in the vibrant sweep of the last quarter century, have combined their resources and all other physical assets to form the largest financial organization west of New York. They are the Bank of Italy, chief of the nation's branch banking institutions, and the Bank of America of California, which started under another name when the state was still caught in the gold lure, and has gone forward steadily to achieve primacy in its far-flung field.

The Transamerica Corporation, holding company for the two institutions, announced the consolidation in a formal statement issued from its San Francisco offices. The Bank of Italy has 237 branches in 145 California cities, while the Bank of America operates 162 branches in approximately 100 cities. The headquarters of the first named institution are in San Francisco while the administrative functions of the Bank of America are directed from Los Angeles.

In a number of cities there are branches of both banks, and the details involved in providing for these dual establishments will be one of the chief considerations of the consolidation committee. Under the new set-up it will be necessary for the consolidated institution to surrender the state charter of the former Bank of America and operate under a national charter.

YOUNG GOATS AND CHICKEN ARE STOLEN FROM HOME

KEYSTONE.—Deputy sheriffs are investigating the theft of two young goats and one pullet from the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Getz, of Meyler street, some time Saturday morning. One kid was five months old and the other was only five weeks old. Evidence near the goat shed indicated that one of the kids was killed on the spot. The trail of the thieves led down Amelia street to where a waiting car was evidently parked to carry them and their loot off.

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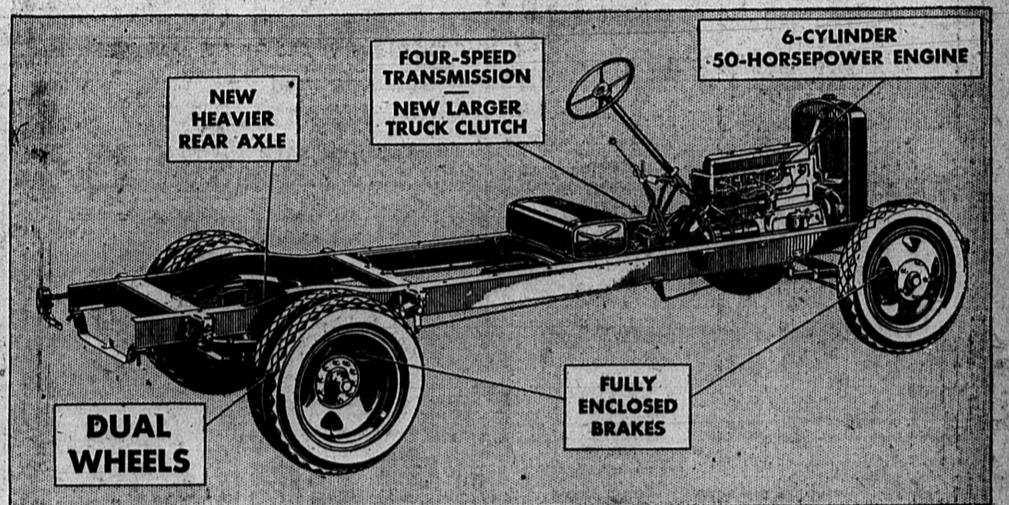
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